


REMARKS

At the outset, the applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the helpful suggestions pertaining to formal matters in the application and for his recognition of patentable subject matter. The applicants also wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the courteous telephone interviews accorded applicants' attorney.

By the present amendment, the applicants have cancelled claims 9 and 11, slightly amended claims 4 to 6, 8, 10 and 12, and introduced a new main claim 13. New claim 13 includes the mixture as defined in cancelled claim 11 and a further description of the container to include a dispensing spout, a suction tube extending into the container, and a metering device for regulating emission of the mixture. As pointed out to the Examiner during the telephone interviews, the cited reference to *Fukushima et al*, U.S. Patent No. 3,972,691, shows a pressurized container containing carbon dioxide and chlorine but does not include a dispensing spout for emitting the mixture, a suction tube, and a metering device for regulating the emission of the mixture. The cited reference shows a container into which the carbon dioxide - chlorine gas mixture is introduced and wherein the chlorine is separated from the carbon dioxide and removed from the container as a liquid. The purpose of the structure of the cited reference is to recover liquid chlorine from the mixture by condensing the gaseous chlorine and removing the liquid chlorine from the container.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims remaining in the application, claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 13, are patentable and should be allowed.

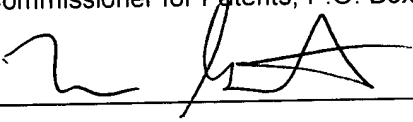
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